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II Priority			
III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability			
IV Lack of unity of inve	ention		
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Vl Certain documents of	ited		
VII Certain defects in th	e international application		
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This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
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V.	Resoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
	citations and explanations supporting such statement

1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims Claims	1-23	YES NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims Claims	1-23	YES NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims Claims	1-23	YES NO

2. Citations and explanations

The invention according to claims 1-23 relates to data scramblers and de-scramblers, for use in a multi-carrier transmission system.

The invention intends to simplify data scramblers by making use of synchronisation frames as a source of pseudo-random data, which can be combined with user data.

Synchronisation frame data is periodically transmitted to measure transmission channel characteristics and combiner means are provided to combine user data with frame synchronisation data.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 4387460, A

D2: WO 9503656, A1

D3: US 5148451, A

D4: US 4646305, A

D5: WO 9617455, A1

D1 discloses a digital data transmission system with supplementary information transmitting arrangement. The system comprises means for scrambling. (See col. 8, line 40 - col. 9, line 60.)

D2 discloses a method and an apparatus for synchronisation in transmission systems. Certain time slots have known synchronisation frames, containing tones or subcarriers, in the whole frequency spectrum with known phase selected in accordance with a pseudo random pattern. (See page 1, line 7 - line 15; page 4, line 25 - page 6, line 19.)

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Supplemental Box

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D3 discloses a carrier regeneration device including a frame synchronising circuit. (See col. 4, line 57 - line 68)

D4 discloses a high-speed data modem using multilevel encoding. The incoming binary data stream is applied to a data scrambler and encoder. (Se col. 2, line 60 - line 68)

D5 discloses a method for synchronisation of transmitter and receiver at mobile radio systems.

The invention according to claims 1-23 differs from all documents stated above in the way of combining user data with frame synchronisation data.

In the light of the aforementioned:

-The invention claimed in claims 1 - 23 is novel (N), is considered to involve an inventive step (IS) and is considered to have industrial applicability (IA).



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WO9834368	АЗ	06.08.1998	30.01.1998	31.01.1997

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

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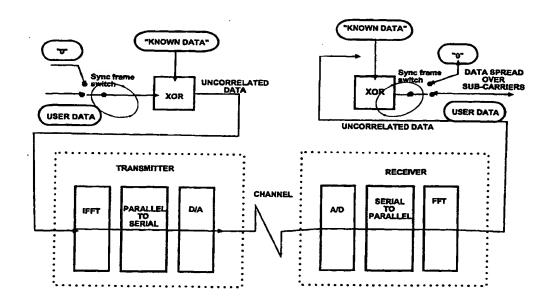
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(57) Abstract

The present invention simplifies known data scramblers by making use of the synchronisation frames, normally used for measuring channel characteristics, as a source of pseudo-random data which can be combined with incoming user data. The present invention has particular application to multi-carrier transmission systems which employ DMT, or OFDM. Many of these transmission systems send known data, usually referred to as synchronisation frames, to measure channel characteristics such as signal to noise ratio. The known data contained in a synchronisation frame is selected to have a suitable statistical distribution, e.g. pseudo-random. In the data scrambler of the present invention, user data bits are combined with the known synchronisation frame data using an exclusive-OR function. This results in a statistically and computationally efficient scrambling of the user data.

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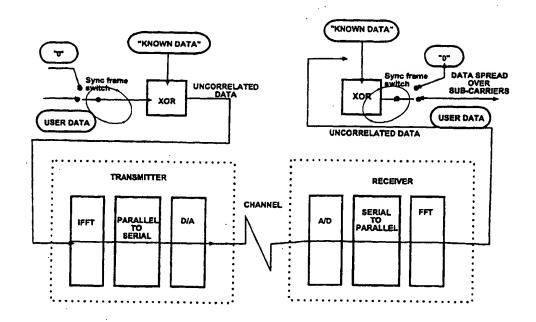
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The present invention simplifies known data scramblers by making use of the synchronisation frames, normally used for measuring channel characteristics, as a source of pseudo-random data which can be combined with incoming user data. The present invention has particular application to multi-carrier transmission systems which employ DMT, or OFDM. Many of these transmission systems send known data, usually referred to as synchronisation frames, to measure channel characteristics such as signal to noise ratio. The known data contained in a synchronisation frame is selected to have a suitable statistical distribution, e.g. pseudo-random. In the data scrambler of the present invention, user data bits are combined with the known synchronisation frame data using an exclusive-OR function. This results in a statistically and computationally efficient scrambling of the user data.

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